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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER
16, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. NEA, H, IO, AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

AF - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFELLE

TANZANIA: THE TANZANIAN CHARGE CAME IN TO DELIVER A
LETTER TO YOU FROM NYERERE (THE ORIGINAL OF HIS LAST
TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE), AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS CARDS TO YOU
AND THE PRESIDENT.

NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE: I SPOKE TO THE COLLEGE ON THE
GENERAL TOPIC OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

NAMIBIA: I HAD AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH A LOCAL
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METHODIST GROUP WHICH HAD EXPRESSED STRONG DISSATISFACTION
WITH A BRIEFING THEY HAD RECEIVED WHILE VISITING THE UN.
I OUTLINED THE PROCESS WE HAD ENGAGED IN TO PROMOTE
SETTLEMENTS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. THEY GENERALLY
WISHED THE U.S. TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVIST AND PUNITIVE
STANCE, ESPECIALLY TOWARD THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.
I EXPLAINED THE CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER RESTRAINTS
INVOLVED, AND DEFENDED OUR CURRENT POLICY AGAINST SHARP,
BUT POLITE, QUESTIONING.

TONIGHT: I SHALL ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE ETHIOPIAN ART EXHIBITION AT THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART.

TOMORROW: I SHALL MEET OUR NEW CONSUL IN BUKAVU AND BRIEF CONGRESSMAN DON BONKER.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

ARA - HARRY W. SHLAUDEMAN

LABOR -- I WENT OUT TO FRON, ROYAL FOR LUNCH AND A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT. THE OCCASION WAS THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AIFLD'S FIELD PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH THE CLIMATE IN LATIN AMERICA THESE DAYS IS SCARCELY FAVORABLE TO FREE LABOR MOVEMENTS, AIFLD CONTINUES TO OPERATE IN MOST OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. (MEXICO AND PERU ARE THE NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS.) I FOUND THE FIELD REPS GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR WORK DESPITE THE TOUGH SLEDDING.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES -- NONE SENT TODAY.

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EA- ARTHUR W. HUMMEL, JR.

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SPEECH ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD EAST ASIA

I GAVE A SPEECH ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD EAST ASIA BEFORE THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NEGATIVE

EB - JULIUS L. KATZ

1. I ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE TEXTILE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY FRED DENT. THE MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS CONCERN THE EFFORT TO EXTEND THE MULTILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT AND A REVIEW OF TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM THE PRC. WE HAD HOPED TO ACHIEVE AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT CHANGE IN GENEVA LAST WEEK. THE EC, WHICH HAS BECOME MORE PROTECTIONIST IN TEXTILES BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC PRESSURES, PRIMARILY IN THE U.K. AND FRANCE, BLOCKED THE CONSENSUS AT THE LAST MOMENT. THE ISSUE WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN IN FEBRUARY. ON THE PRC, THE PRESSURE FOR A RESTRAINT AGREEMENT HAS DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY AS IMPORTS FROM CHINA HAVE FALLEN THROUGH MOST OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

2. I CALLED ON SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSON, WHO IS IMPORTANTLY INVOLVED IN ENERGY POLICIES, SUGAR, AND IFI APPROPRIATIONS. HE INDICATED MORE OPTIMISM ON AN ENERGY POLICY NEXT YEAR THAN I HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES. LIKE OTHER LOUISIANA REPRESENTATIVES, HE IS DETERMINED TO HAVE SUGAR QUOTAS. AND LIKE ANOTHER LOUISIANA COLLEAGUE, HE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT ABOUT THE EXTENT OF IDA RESOURCES GOING TO INDIA.

3. MY DEPUTY PAUL BOEKER JOINED ED YEO IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS TODAY WITH THE PORTUGUESE ON STAGE I OF THE PORTUGAL PROGRAM, THAT IS, THE \$300 MILLION GOLD SWAP. DESPITE THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT EANES, WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PORTUGUESE HAVE IN THEIR POCKET, THEY HAVE NOT REJECTED THE GOLD SWAP APPROACH. WE ARE EXPLORING WAYS OF MODIFYING THIS PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH PORTUGUESE GOLD-BUG SENSITIVITIES. SO FAR THE MOST PROMISING PROSPECT SEEMS TO BE A GOLD SWAP WITH A U.S. AGENT, POSSIBLY THE FEDERAL RESERVE, SELLING THE GOLD FOR THE PORTUGUESE. THIS WOULD GET THE PORTUGUESE CASH QUICKLY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, ALLOW THEM TO PRESENT THE TRANSACTION AS A LOAN RATHER THAN A GOLD SALE, AND MEET TREASURY'S CONCERN ON REPAYMENT. BY TOMORROW MORNING WE WILL KNOW WHETHER THIS MODIFIED GOLD SWAP ARRANGEMENT MEETS THE PORTUGUESE CONCERNS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES - NONE.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

CYPRUS: AT A FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR BRUCE LAINGEN, CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU ASKED ME FOR MY PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON HOW THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MIGHT BE DEALT WITH OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. DIMITRIOU SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE CONCEPTS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE EUROPEANS MIGHT SERVE TO GIVE A BADLY NEEDED IMPETUS TO A SUSTAINED INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATION PROCESS EARLY NEXT YEAR. I SAID I THOUGHT IT WAS AT LEAST WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT AN INTERIM CYPRUS SOLUTION MIGHT BE DEvised PRIOR TO THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF THE CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES TO REACH SUCH A SETTLEMENT. I SAID THAT IN MY JUDGMENT THE CYPRIOTS WERE MAKING A MISTAKE TO CONTINUE TO PLACE HOPES ON THE GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO LOOK OUT FOR THEIR INTERESTS. RATHER THEY SHOULD FACE THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AND SEE IF A BIZONAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A REDUCED TURKISH AREA AND WITH A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WITH VERY LIMITED FUNCTIONS AND POWERS MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. DIMITRIOU ADMITTED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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VERY BARREN AND THAT MOVEMENT IN SOME NEW DIRECTION MIGHT BE FEASIBLE.

TURKISH DCA: FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL EXPRESSED TO ME THE STRONG HOPE THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS WOULD PLACE THE TURKISH DCA HIGH ON THEIR AGENDA. ESENBEL EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE GREEKS WOULD AGAIN DRAG THEIR FEET IN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS TO AVOID CONGRESS TAKING UP BOTH AGREEMENTS AT THE SAME TIME AND NOTED THAT THE CAMPAIGN WOULD SOON BEGIN FOR THE 1977 TURKISH ELECTIONS THEREBY POSING THE RISK THAT THE DCA WOULD BECOME AN ELECTION ISSUE. I SAID I THOUGHT THERE WAS GROWING AWARENESS OF THE TIMING PROBLEMS RELATED TO CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE TURKISH DCA, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THERE WAS AT LEAST THE IMPRESSION OF MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS. ESENBEL IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT LINKAGE BETWEEN CYPRUS AND THE DCA CONTINUED TO BE OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT HE SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND MY POINT THAT SOME SIGN OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS WAS NECESSARY.

MALTA: ITALIAN DCM TAMAGNINI CAME IN TO SEE LAINGEN AND BARBOUR THIS MORNING AND LEFT A COPY OF A ROME FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEGRAM OUTLINING THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION ON MALTA. THE ITALIANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO DECIDE WHETHER AGREEMENTS ON MALTA'S STATUS AFTER 1979 SHOULD BE MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL WITH THE INTERESTED MEDITERRANEAN NATIONS. THE ITALIANS ARE ALSO TAKING SOUNDINGS IN TRIPOLI,

ALGIERS, AND TUNIS TO DETERMINE THE PREFERENCE OF THOSE NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON THE ISSUE. THE ITALIAN TELEGRAM ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN TUNISIAN ATTITUDES.

ROMANIAN DEMARCHE ON EXPORTS: ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE CALLED ON JACK ARMITAGE TODAY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR IMPOSITION OF UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS ON ROMANIAN EXPORTS OF MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS. OUR ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FACE OF ROMANIAN UNWILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO BILATERAL RESTRAINTS AND A RAPID UPSURGE IN ROMANIAN EXPORTS. ARMITAGE SAID WE COULD NOT AGREE TO NICOLAE'S REQUEST THAT WE REFRAIN FROM IMPOSING UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS AND IT WAS AGREED THAT WE REACH AGREEMENTS ON DATES FOR NEW CONSULTATIONS IN EARLY JANUARY.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- I CONFERRED WITH HABIB AND LATER WITH JUDGE TYLER ABOUT KOREAN CIA INQUIRY. FOR SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY REASONS WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT JUSTICE NOT BRING IN U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT THIS STAGE. WE MAY NEED TO ASK YOU TO CALL THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

-- I REVIEWED WITH FELDMAN AND OTHERS THE BOUNDARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET EXTENTION OF FISHERIES JURISDICTION.

-- ALDRICH MET WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR SAXBE TO HEAR THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON THE JHIRAD EXTRADITION CASE. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD GRANT EXTRADITION, BUT THAT, IF WE DON'T WE SHOULD BASE OUR REFUSAL ON A NARROW, TECHNICAL GROUND. WE AGREED WITH SAXBE THAT THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE FINDING OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION IN THIS CASE, BUT THERE ARE LEGAL PROBLEMS THAT MAKE THE DECISION A CLOSE ONE.

-- ALDRICH MET WITH BLEICHER OF THE TRANSITION TEAM TO REVIEW THE MOST URGENT PROBLEMS FACING THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS.

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-- FELDMAN MET WITH A JAPANESE LEGAL ADVISER TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF AN INTERIM FISHERIES AGREEMENT THAT WOULD MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LAW WITHOUT PREEMPTING THE JAPANESE DIET'S CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE.

-- SCHWEBEL MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND H ON MODALITIES OF THE U.S. JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SERIAL PUBLICATIONS.

-- SCHWEBEL JOINED POATS AND OTHERS IN A CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS OVER MARINE RESOURCES TO BE ACCORDED TO MICRONESIA UNDER A COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

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